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AMENDMENT B (IN RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 7
(OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 30, 2004))

REMARKS

Claims 1-36 are pending in this case. (Claims 1, 13 and 25 have been amended hereinabove to more clearly recite the claimed subject matter.) Based upon the following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are allowable.

Claims 1-36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Shiigi, U.S. Patent No. 6,304,898 ("Shiigi"). This rejection is respectfully traversed and it is submitted that these claims recite subject matter which is not anticipated by and is patentable over Shiigi.

Independent Claims 1, 13 & 25

According to the Examiner with respect to subparagraph (a) of claim 1, "there is no limitation on which device receives the list of client interfaces." Therefore, the present Office Action states that the Shiigi reference, in disclosing the receipt by the client computer of a list of active and inactive users from the server, meets the scope of the claimed limitation. However, as recited hereinabove, claim 1 has been amended to more clearly state that the method for facilitating user interface roaming comprises, among other things, "receiving by an infrastructure server from a wireless link a list of usable interface clients in proximity to the wireless link." (Emphasis added). Because the Shiigi reference fails to teach or suggest the receipt "by an infrastructure server" from the wireless link of a list of usable interface clients "in proximity to the wireless link," the Examiner's rejection is untenable.

As clearly expressed in Shiigi, the server uploads a list of active and inactive users to the client computer for display. A user is active if the server has authenticated that the particular user is registered. (Col. 8, lines 40-45). In other

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words, a list of users is sent from a server to a client computer. In contrast to Shiigi, claim 1 requires a method wherein, among other things, a list of usable interface clients is sent from a wireless link to an infrastructure server.

Additionally, neither Shiigi nor the present Office Action appear to address the limitation requiring usable interface clients in proximity to the wireless link. As clearly expressed in the previous Remarks, filed June 30, 2004, "the presently claimed invention uses a wireless link to do [sic] scan its vicinity to detect one or more interface clients." In fact, the present disclosure teaches that the "proximal range is simply a range inside of which interface clients are considered proximate to the wireless link (and thereby proximate to a user of a wireless link)." (Page 8, lines 14-25). Although Shiigi discloses a system and method whereby handwritten messages can be sent via email, the reference does not appear to disclose the extra limitation that the usable interface clients are in proximity to the wireless link. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner cite to specific column and line numbers within Shiigi that disclose this limitation. Because Shiigi is silent as to the limitations presented in subparagraph (a), claim 1 is believed to be in proper condition for allowance.

Claims 13 and 25 correspond to the computer product claim and system claim, respectively, of claim 1 and are therefore believed to be in proper condition for allowance for the same reasons as disclosed hereinabove.

Dependent Claims 2-12

Remarks made in the previous Response, filed June 30, 2004, are respectfully restated and incorporated herein by reference. Claims 2-12 are claims dependent upon allowable base claim 1 and further contain novel and patentable subject matter. Therefore, claims 2-12 are believed to be in proper condition for allowance for at least the same reasons as listed hereinabove.

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As to Claims 14-24 and 26-36, reference is made to the remarks herein above for Claims 1-12, 13 and 25, and are incorporated herein by reference.

Conclusion

Claims 1-36 remain pending in this case. Based upon the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are allowable, and reconsideration and early allowance of these claims are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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